

## Thank You for Selecting The Powerful BC SELF-PROPELLED BRUSH CUTTER

## Operator Owner's Manual

## BC2401IC, BC2402H, BC2402HE

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| 3 | Specifications |  |  |  |
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|  |  | BC2401IC | BC2402H | BC2402HE |
|  | ENGINE: H.P. | 10.5 (7.83 kW) | 13 (9.70 kW) | 13 (9.70 kW) |
|  | ENGINE: TYPE | B\&S | HONDA | HONDA |
|  | ENGINE MODEL NO: | 28B702118-E1 | GXV390 | V390K1DE33 |
|  | ENGINE: FUEL CAP. | 3.0 qt. (2.84 L) | 2.3 qt. (2.18 L) | 2.3 qt. (2.18 L) |
|  | ENGINE: OIL CAP. | 1.34 qt. (1.41 L) | 1.20 qt. (1.13 L) | 1.20 qt. ( 1.13 L ) |
|  | WEIGHT: UNIT | 282\# ( 128.5 kg ) | $278 \#$ ( 126.4 kg ) | 292\# ( $132.7 \mathrm{~kg} \mathrm{)}$ |
|  | WEIGHT: SHIPPING | $310 \#$ ( 141.3 kg ) | $318 \#$ ( 144.5 kg ) | $333 \#$ ( 151.4 kg ) |
|  | ENGINE WEIGHT: | $66.0 \#$ ( 30.0 kg ) | $70.5 \#$ ( 32.0 kg ) | $72.5 \#$ ( 32.9 kg ) |
|  | MAX. OPERATING SLOPE | $15^{\circ}$ | $20^{\circ}$ | $20^{\circ}$ |
| UNIT SIZE: | OVERALL LENGTH | (2.09 m) OVE | DTH 32.0" (0.81m) | OVERALL HEIGHT43" (1.09m) |

to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects or other reproductive harm.

## WARNING: DO NOT 1 \& /or damage to unit.

1. DO NOT run engine in an enclosed area. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, an odorless and deadly poison.
2. DO NOT place hands or feet near moving or rotating parts.
3. DO NOT store, spill or use gasoline near an open flame, or devices such as a stove, furnace, or water heater which use a pilot light or devices which can create a spark.
4. DO NOT refuel indoors where area is not well ventilated. Outdoor refueling is recommended.
5. DO NOT fill fuel tank while engine is running. Allow engine to cool for 2 minutes before refueling. Store fuel in approved safety containers.
6. DO NOT remove fuel tank cap while engine is running.
7. DO NOT operate engine when smell of gasoline is present or other explosive conditions exist.
8. DO NOT operate engine if gasoline is spilled. Move machine away from the spill and avoid creating any ignition until the gasoline has evaporated.
9. DO NOT transport unit with fuel in tank.
10. DO NOT smoke when filling fuel tank.
11. DO NOT choke carburetor to stop engine. Whenever possible, gradually reduce engine speed before stopping.
12. DO NOT tamper with governor springs, governor links or other parts which may change the governed engine speed.
13. DO NOT tamper with the engine speed selected by the engine manufacturer.
14. DO NOT check for spark with spark plug or spark plug wire removed. Use an approved tester.
15. DO NOT crank engine with spark plug removed. If engine is flooded, place throttle in "FAST" position and crank until engine starts.
16. DO NOT strike flywheel with a hard object or metal tool as this may cause flywheel to shatter in operation. Use proper tools to service engine.
17. DO NOT operate engine without a muffler. Inspect periodically and replace, if necessary. If engine is equipped with muffler deflector, inspect periodically and replace, if necessary, with correct deflector.
18. DO NOT operate engine with an accumulation of grass, leaves, dirt or other combustible material in the muffler area.
19. DO NOT use this engine on any forest covered, brush covered, or grass covered unimproved land unless a spark arrester is installed on the muffler. The arrester must be maintained in effective working order by the operator. In the State of California the above is required by law (Section 4442 of the California Public Resources Code). Other states may have similar laws. Federal
laws apply on federal lands.
20. DO NOT touch hot muffler, cylinder, or fins because contact may cause burns.
21. DO NOT run engine without air cleaner or air cleaner cover.
22. DO NOT operate during excessive vibration!
23. DO NOT leave machine unattended while in operation.
24. DO NOT park machine on a steep grade or slope.
WARNING:DO !
25. ALWAYS DO remove the wire from the spark plug when servicing the engine or equipment TO PREVENT ACCIDENTAL STARTING.
26. DO keep cylinder fins and governor parts free of grass and other debris which can affect engine speed.
27. DO pull starter cord slowly until resistance is felt. Then pull cord rapidly to avoid kickback and prevent hand or arm injury.
28. DO examine muffler periodically to be sure it is functioning effectively. A worn or leaking muffler should be repaired or replaced as necessary.
29. DO use fresh gasoline. Stale fuel can gum carburetor and cause leakage.
30. DO check fuel lines and fittings frequently for cracks or leaks. Replace if necessary
31. Follow engine manufacturer operating and maintenance instructions.
32. Inspect machine and work area before starting unit.

33. DO NOT run engine at excessive speeds. This may result in injury

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Sound tests conducted were in accordance with 2000/14/EEC and were performed on 2/21/2002 under the conditions listed:
NOTE: Sound power level listed is the highest value for any model in this manual. Please refer to serial plate on the unit for the sound power level for your model.

Sound level of 93 dBA at operator position

|  | GENERAL CONDITION: |
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## 9 GENERAL SAFETY

For your safety and the safety of others, these directions should be followed:

Do not operate this machine without first reading owner's manual and engine manufacturer's manual.


Use of Ear Protection is recommended while operating this machine.
Use of Eye and Breathing protection is recommended when using this machine.
-DO NOT place hands or feet beneath cutting deck, near debris outlet or near any moving parts.
-DO NOT start engine or operate unit with bystanders in or near the work area.
-DO NOT start or operate machine with blade or drive clutch engaged.
-DO NOT operate during excessive vibration.
-DO NOT perform any maintenance or inspection until engine has been turned off and has come to a complete stop, and the spark plug has been removed
-DO NOT operate machine with guards removed.
-DO NOT use this machine for cutting areas containing rock, glass, string like material, wire, rags, cans, metal, or other nonorganic material.
-DO NOT operate this machine on slopes greater than specified on page 1.
-DO NOT operate machine near any hot or burning debris, or any toxic or explosive material.
-DO NOT allow children to operate this equipment.

10 ASSEMBLY

Read all safety and operating instructions before assembling or starting this unit.

DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE BEFORE ASSEMBLING UNIT.

Your Billy Goat Brush Cutter is shipped from the factory in one carton, completely assembled except for the upper handle, and front guard bar.

1. REMOVE unit from carton and allow upper handle (item 40) to lay on ground behind unit. Set guard bar(Item 31) to the side for now. 2. REMOVE hardware items $115,117,141,143$, \& 144 from temporary storage positions on lower handle (items 51, \& 52).
2. ATTACH upper handle to lower as shown below, and securely tighten all fasteners. For easy alignment of handles during installation, loosen the four screws that secure the lower handles. Line up and hand tighten all handle hardware before final tightening. Note: Be sure the engine starter rope is properly installed in the starter rope guide (item 145) before tightening the corresponding fasteners.
3. REMOVE hardware items 102, 103, 117, 119, 124, 141, \& 152 from temporary storage positions on deck and skid assy at front of unit (items 2, 155, \& 156)
4. ATTACH guard bar(Item 31) to deck as shown below. Install the center bolts(Item 153) first, and install the bolts that fasten through the sides of the deck last. Securely tighten all fasteners. Note: Hardware items 117, $119, \& 141$ are used to secure both the front skid attachment and the sides of the guard bar. Be sure both are securely attached.
5. CONNECT spark plug wire to spark plug.

## 11 PACKING CHECKLIST

These items should be included in your carton. If any of these parts are missing, contact your dealer.



| Throttle Control |  |
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|  <br> STRATTON <br> Briggs engines have a choke type carburetor that is operated by moving the throttle control to the full start position. See STARTING section, see page 5. | HONDA <br> Honda engines have a separate choke lever that is operated by pulling back along with moving the throttle control to the full start position if necessary. See STARTING section, see page 5. |
| START <br> STOP |  |



INTENDED USE: This is not a lawn mower. The BC2401 is designed for cutting overgrown weeds, brush, and other types of organic growth to a height of $3-1 / 2$ ". The unit may also be used to clear small saplings $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ in dia. or less. It does not provide the cut quality of a finish cut lawn mower. The unit is designed for use in rural areas, and should not be used in settings where conditions require that the unit be operated in tight or confined areas. Be sure to inspect work area and machine before operating. Make sure that all operators of this equipment are trained in general machine use and safety.

Like all mechanical tools, reasonable care must be used when operating machine. Do not operate unit in areas where bystanders may be present.

Do not operate if excessive vibration occurs. If excessive vibration occurs, shut engine off immediately and check for damaged or worn blade, loose blade bolt, loose blade adapter key, loose engine or lodged foreign objects. Note: See parts list for proper blade bolt torque specifications. (See trouble shooting section on page 12).

## (16.1) STARTING

## PUT OIL IN ENGINE BEFORE STARTING.

ENGINE: See engine manufacturer's instructions for type and amount of oil and gasoline used. Engine must be level when checking and filling oil and gasoline.

ENGINE SPEED: Controlled by throttle lever on the handle.
FUEL VALVE: Move fuel valve to "ON" position (when provided on engine).
CHOKE:
Briggs engines have a choke type carburetor that is operated by moving the throttle control to the full start position.
Honda engines have a separate choke lever that is operated by pulling back when starting. Push it back to its original position after the engine has started.
THROTTLE: Move remote throttle control to fast position. Pull starting rope to start engine.

ELECTRIC START: Choke the engine if necessary. Push and hole down on the rocker switch until engine starts, then release switch to run.

## IF YOUR UNIT FAILS TO START:

See Troubleshooting on page 12.

### 16.2 CUTTING OPERATION

GENERAL OPERATION: To engage the blade, depress the operator's left hand control lever against operator's handle. The blade is disengaged by releasing this lever.(See Fig. 1.1) To engage the wheel drive, lift the operator's right hand control lever against operator's handle. The drive is disengaged by releasing this lever.(See Fig. 1.2) Ground speed can be varied by shifting gears as described on page 9 . To begin cutting engage the blade lever, allow the blade to spin up to speed, and engage the wheel drive to begin moving forward into the material to be cut.

NOTE: Do not engage blade during transport between work sites. The blade should remain disengaged at all times when work is not being performed.
The best performance is achieved when cutting in dry conditions. If the deck becomes choked with grass or debris during operation, back unit off of debris allowing machine to clear itself and continue cutting, or shut the unit off and clear the clog by hand (See below). A drop in engine RPM or a noticeable change in engine sound is usually a good indicator of a clogged discharge or other interference.
Under most conditions cutting should be done in first or second gear. Third gear should be reserved for conditions where weeds and brush are thinned out or not as tall. The quality of the cut produced is directly related to the unit's ground speed during cutting. If the quality of the cut is not satisfactory (i.e. material left standing) you should shift into a lower gear during cutting. For improved control in confined areas, this machine can be pushed forward or backward by releasing the operator's clutch lever, placing the transaxle in neutral, and pushing the machine.

CLEARING A CLOGGED CUTTING DECK:
Turn engine off and wait for blade to stop completely. Disconnect spark plug wire. Wearing durable gloves, remove clog.
Danger, the clog may contain sharp materials.
Reconnect spark plug wire.

## BLADE CLUTCH

The Brush Cutter blade clutch is controlled by an operator presence control. To engage the blade, depress the operator's left hand control lever against operator's handle. The blade is disengaged by releasing this lever.(See Fig. 1.1)

NOTE: The blade clutch must be either fully engaged for cutting or fully disengaged to bring the blade to a stop. Do not operate the unit with the blade clutch partially engaged. Premature belt wear and clutch failure will result from improper operation of the clutch.
CAUTION: Use extreme care when operating the blade. Inspect the work area for foriegn objects that could cause damage to the unit or injure the operator if struck by the blade. Never operate the blade with bystanders in the work area.


Fig. 1.1


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { ITEM } \\ & \text { NO. } \end{aligned}$ | DESCRIPTION | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BC2402HE } \\ & \text { Part No } \end{aligned}$ | QTY | $\begin{gathered} \text { BC2402H } \\ \text { Part No } \end{gathered}$ | QTY | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BC2401IC } \\ & \text { Part No } \end{aligned}$ | QTY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Deck Assembly with labels | 500239 | 1 | 500239 | 1 | 500239 | 1 |
| 2 | Deck WA BC2401 | 500266 | 1 | 500266 | 1 | 500266 | 1 |
| 3 | Deflector Front BC2400 | 500125 | 1 | 500125 | 1 | 500125 | 1 |
| 4 | Base Assembly with labels | 500240 | 1 | 500240 | 1 | 500240 | 1 |
| 5 | Handle Brace Left | 500196 | 1 | 500196 | 1 | 500196 | 1 |
| 6 | Handle Brace Right | 500200 | 1 | 500200 | 1 | 500200 | 1 |
| 7 | Door Base Engine | 500233 | 1 | 500233 | 1 | 500233 | 1 |
| 8 | Transaxle 3 SPD BC2400 | 500100 | 1 | 500100 | 1 | 500100 | 1 |
| 9 | Pulley 5.0" OD 'A' Sec. | 830180 | 1 | 830180 | 1 | 830180 | 1 |
| 10 | Belt Traction Drive | 500119 | 1 | 500119 | 1 | 500119 | 1 |
| 11 | Plate Pivot Idler / Shifter | 500122 | 1 | 500122 | 1 | 500122 | 1 |
| 12 | Shifter Pivot WA | 500169 | 1 | 500169 | 1 | 500169 | 1 |
| 13 | Pulley Idler | 800260 | 1 | 800260 | 1 | 800260 | 1 |
| 14 | Wheel \& Tire 16" AG SP LH | 500103 | 1 | 500103 | 1 | 500103 | 1 |
| 15 | Wheel \& Tire 16" AG SP RH | 500104 | 1 | 500104 | 1 | 500104 | 1 |
| 16 | Arm Idler WA | 500170 | 1 | 500170 | 1 | 500170 | 1 |
| 17 | Cable Clutch Blade BC2400 | 500259 | 1 | 500259 | 1 | 500259 | 1 |
| 18 | Cable Clutch Drive BC2400 | 500327 | 1 | 500327 | 1 | 500327 | 1 |
| 19 | Bar Shift T-axle | 500121 | 1 | 500121 | 1 | 500121 | 1 |
| 20 | Angle Support T-axle | 500127 | 1 | 500127 | 1 | 500127 | 1 |
| 21 | Rod Link Shifter | 500144 | 1 | 500144 | 1 | 500144 | 1 |
| 22 | Tube Shift With Grip | 500171 | 1 | 500171 | 1 | 500171 | 1 |
| 23 | Clutch Brake | 500338 | 1 | 500338 | 1 | 500338 | 1 |
| 24 | Grip 3/4 ID - Black | 610102 | 1 | 610102 | 1 | 610102 | 1 |
| 25 | Tube Pointer | 500184 | 1 | 500184 | 1 | 500184 | 1 |
| 26 | Plate Mount Idler WA | 500228 | 1 | 500228 | 1 | 500228 | 1 |
| 27 | Pulley Idler 4.5" OD X3/8 | 500270 | 1 | 500270 | 1 | 500270 | 1 |
| 28 | Hub Cap | 900486 | 2 | 900486 | 2 | 900486 | 2 |
| 29 | Belt Blade Drive | 500237 | 1 | 500237 | 1 | 500237 | 1 |
| 30 | Spacer Spindle BC2401 | 500232 | 1 | 500232 | 1 | 500232 | 1 |
| 31 | Bar Guard WA BC2401 | 500235 | 1 | 500235 | 1 | 500235 | 1 |
| 32 | Bushing Shifter | 500130 | 1 | 500130 | 1 | 500130 | 1 |
| 33 | Washer Hub Cap | 850237 | 2 | 850237 | 2 | 850237 | 2 |
| 34 | Spindle WA BC2400 | 500174 | 1 | 500174 | 1 | 500174 | 1 |
| 35 | Bearing 7/8" ID Sealed Press | 500101 | 2 | 500101 | 2 | 500101 | 2 |
| 36 | Shaft Drive Blade | 500107 | 1 | 500107 | 1 | 500107 | 1 |
| 37 | Spacer Spindle Bearing | 500115 | 1 | 500115 | 1 | 500115 | 1 |
| 38 | Pulley 7" OD x 7/8" BORE | 500253 | 1 | 500253 | 1 | 500253 | 1 |
| 39 | Lever Control Blade | 500312 | 1 | 500312 | 1 | 500312 | 1 |
| 40 | Handle Upper BC2400 | 500243-S | 1 | 500243-S | 1 | 500243-S | 1 |
| 41 | Grip Handle 1 ID $\times 7.5$ | 500267 | 2 | 500267 | 2 | 500267 | 2 |
| 42 | Lever Control Clutch | 500142 | 1 | 500142 | 1 | 500142 | 1 |
| 43 | Bushing Lever Control | 500152 | 4 | 500152 | 4 | 500152 | 4 |
| 44 | Fitting Mount Cable | 500187 | 2 | 500187 | 2 | 500187 | 2 |
| 45 | Engine 13 HP Honda GXV390 Electric Start | 500333 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
|  | Engine 13 HP Honda GXV390 | - | - | 500334 | 1 | - | - |
|  | Engine 10.5 HP B \& S I/C | - | - | - | - | 500323 | 1 |
| 46 | Pulley Drive Traction BC | 500238 | 1 | 500238 | 1 | 500238 | 1 |
| 47 | Spacer Engine WA 2401 | 500262 | 1 | 500262 | 1 | 500262 | 1 |
| 48 | Control Throttle BC2400 | 500213 | 1 | 500213 | 1 | 500213 | 1 |
| 49 | Tube Cable Cover | 500186 | 2 | 500186 | 2 | 500186 | 2 |
| 50 | Blade 24" BC2400 | 500210 | 1 | 500210 | 1 | 500210 | 1 |
| 51 | Handle Lower RH BC2400 | 500140 | 1 | 500140 | 1 | 500140 | 1 |
| 52 | Handle Lower LH BC2400 | 500141 | 1 | 500141 | 1 | 500141 | 1 |
| 53 | Adapter Blade WA | 500191 | 1 | 500191 | 1 | 500191 | 1 |
| 54 | Washer Friction Blade | 500108 | 1 | 500108 | 1 | 500108 | 1 |
| 55 | Guard Hand BC2401 | 500257 | 2 | 500257 | 2 | 500257 | 2 |
| 56 | Screwcap 8x3/8 HWH Type B | 100121 | 2 | 100121 | 2 | 100121 | 2 |
| 100 | Washer Lock 5/16 Twist. Tooth | 8177011 | 2 | 8177011 | 2 | 8177011 | 2 |
| 101 | Bolt Carraige 1/4-20 $\times 3 / 4$ | 8024021 | 4 | 8024021 | 4 | 8024021 | 4 |
| 102 | Nut Lock 1/4-20 | *8160001 | 14 | *8160001 | 10 | *8160001 | 10 |
| 103 | Screw Cap 5/16-18 $\times 11 / 4$ | *8041029 | 18 | *8041029 | 18 | *8041029 | 18 |
| 104 | Washer Lock $5 / 16$ split | *8177011 | 7 | *8177011 | 7 | *8177011 | 7 |
| 105 | Plate Impeller Washer | 850443 | 1 | 850443 | 1 | 850443 | 1 |
| 106 | Screw Cap 7/16-20 $\times$ 3" | 500269 | 1 | 500269 | 1 | 500269 | 1 |
| 107 | SCREWCAP 5/16-18 X ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | *8041028 | 5 | *8041028 | 4 | *8041028 | 4 |
| 108 | Screw Cap 5/16-18 2 2 3/4 | *8041035 | 6 | *8041035 | 6 | *8041035 | 6 |
| 109 | Bolt Carraige 5/16-18 $\times 3 / 4$ | 8024039 | 2 | 8024039 | 2 | 8024039 | 2 |
| 110 | Washer Flat 1/2" | 900230 | 1 | 900230 | 1 | 900230 | 1 |
| 111 | Pin Cotter 3/32 $\times$ 3/4" | *8197016 | 1 | *8197016 | 1 | *8197016 | 1 |


| Parts List continued from page 9. | Item No. | Description | $\begin{gathered} \text { BC2402HE } \\ \text { Part No. } \end{gathered}$ | Qty. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { BC2402H } \\ & \text { Part No. } \end{aligned}$ | Qty. | $\begin{gathered} \text { BC2401IC } \\ \text { Part No. } \end{gathered}$ | Qty. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 112 | Bolt Shoulder 1/2 $\times 1$ | 500114 | 1 | 500114 | 1 | 500114 | 1 |
|  | 113 | Nut Lock 3/8-16 | *8160003 | 3 | *8160003 | 3 | *8160003 | 3 |
|  | 114 | Bolt Idler | 800888 | 1 | 800888 | 1 | 800888 | 1 |
|  | 115 | Screw Cap 5/16 x 2" | *8041032 | 2 | *8041032 | 2 | *8041032 | 2 |
|  | 116 | Nut Jam 5/16-18 | *8142002 | 2 | *8142002 | 2 | *8142002 | 2 |
| * Denotes standard hardware item, that may be purchased locally. | 117 | Nut Lock 5/16-18 | *8160002 | 29 | *8160002 | 28 | *8160002 | 30 |
|  | 118 | Bolt Carraige 5/16-18 $\times 1$ | *8024040 | 6 | *8024040 | 6 | *8024040 | 6 |
|  | 119 | Screw Cap 5/16 $\times 1$ 1/2 | *8041030 | 4 | *8041030 | 4 | *8041030 | 4 |
|  | 120 | Washer 3/8 FC | *8171004 | 1 | *8171004 | 1 | *8171004 | 1 |
|  | 121 | Terminal Piggyback 3/16 | 890010 | 1 | 890010 | 1 | - | - |
|  | 122 | Screw Cap 1/4-28 $\times 1 / 2$ GR5 | 850408 | 1 | 850408 | 1 | 850408 | 1 |
|  | 123 | Washer Lock 1/4 Split | *8177010 | 1 | *8177010 | 1 | *8177010 | 1 |
|  | 124 | Washer 1/4 FC | *8171002 | 5 | *8171002 | 5 | *8171002 | 5 |
|  | 125 | Screw Self Tap 5/16 | *8123128 | 1 | *8123128 | 1 | *8123128 | 1 |
|  | 126 | Pin Hair Cotter | 900471 | 2 | 900471 | 2 | 900471 | 2 |
|  | 127 | Washer 5/16 SAE | *8172008 | 2 | *8172008 | 2 | *8172008 | 2 |
|  | 128 | Screw Cap 1/4-20×2 1/2 | *8041012 | 1 | *8041012 | 1 | *8041012 | 1 |
|  | 129 | Washer 3/4 SAE | *8172015 | 2 | *8172015 | 2 | *8172015 | 2 |
|  | 130 | Washer $0.765 \times 1.250 \times 0.060$ | 850238 | 2 | 850238 | 2 | 850238 | 2 |
|  | 131 | Spacer Engine | 830113 | 1 | 830113 | 1 | 830113 | 1 |
|  | 132 | Ring Snap 0.750 | 850230 | 2 | 850230 | 2 | 850230 | 2 |
|  | 133 | Key 3/16 x $21 / 8$ | 9201087 | 2 | 9201087 | 2 | 9201087 | 2 |
|  | 134 | Washer Fender 1/4" | 8172019 | 4 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 135 | Screw Cap 7/16-20 x 1 1/4 GR8 | 800554 | 1 | 800554 | 1 | 800554 | 1 |
|  | 136 | Washer $1.25 \times 0.882 \times 0.125$ | 500182 | 1 | 500182 | 1 | 500182 | 1 |
|  | 137 | Ty Wrap | 900407 | 4 | 900407 | 4 | 900407 | 4 |
|  | 138 | Key Sq 3/16 x 5/8 | 9201072 | 2 | 9201072 | 2 | 9201072 | 2 |
|  | 139 | Screw Cap 7/16-20 x 2 GR8 | 500188 | 1 | 500188 | 1 | 500188 | 1 |
|  | 140 | Washer Lock 7/16 Tw. Tooth | 850132 | 3 | 850132 | 3 | 850132 | 3 |
|  | 141 | Washer 5/16 FC | *8171003 | 27 | *8171003 | 27 | *8171003 | 23 |
|  | 142 | Bracket Clutch Cable Guard | 500321 | 1 | 500321 | 1 | 500321 | 1 |
|  | 143 | Screw Cap 5/16-18 $\times 13 / 4$ | *8041031 | 7 | *8041031 | 7 | *8041031 | 9 |
|  | 144 | Screw Cap 5/16-18 $\times 2$ 1/2 | *8041034 | 1 | *8041034 | 1 | *8041034 | 1 |
|  | 145 | Guide Rope | 830533 | 2 | 830533 | 2 | 830533 | 2 |
|  | 146 | Grip Lever | 500181 | 2 | 500181 | 2 | 500181 | 2 |
|  | 147 | Label Start/Stop Toggle | 500329 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 148 | Screwcap 5/16-18 X 3/4" | 8041026 | 1 | 8041026 | 1 | 8041026 | 1 |
|  | 149 | Guide Belt LH | 500230 | 1 | 500230 | 1 | 500230 | 1 |
|  | 150 | Guide Belt RH | 500231 | 1 | 500231 | 1 | 500231 | 1 |
|  | 151 | Screw Cap 5/16-24×1 | *400164 | 2 | *400164 | 2 | *400164 | 2 |
|  | 152 | Screw Cap 1/4-20×11/4 | *8041007 | 7 | *8041007 | 3 | *8041007 | 3 |
|  | 153 | Screw Cap 1/4-20×23/4 | *8041013 | 1 | *8041013 | 1 | *8041013 | 1 |
|  | 154 | Screwcap 1/4-20 x 2 " | *8041010 | 2 | *8041010 | 2 | *8041010 | 2 |
|  | 155 | Skid RH BC v-cup WA | 500291 | 1 | 500291 | 1 | 500291 | 1 |
|  | 156 | Skid LH BC v-cup WA | 500292 | 1 | 500292 | 1 | 500292 | 1 |
|  | 157 | Switch Box Assy BC | 500318 | 1 | 500283 | 1 | 500283 | 1 |
|  | 158 | Switch Toggle | 500307 | 1 | 500281 | 1 | 500281 | 1 |
|  | 159 | Harness Assy | 500306 | 1 | 890442 | 1 | 890442 | 1 |
|  | 160 | Bushing Strain Relief | 500282 | 1 | 500282 | 1 | 500282 | 1 |
|  | 161 | Label Throttle | 810656 | 1 | 810656 | 1 | 810656 | 1 |
|  | 162 | Cable Battery Red W/Charge | 500304 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 163 | Cable Battery Black 10" | 790133 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 164 | Lid Box Battery | 500301 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 165 | Box Battery Drilled | 500299 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 166 | Plate Guard Bottom Battery | 500303 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 167 | Strap Battery | 500302 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 168 | Bracket Mount Battery Wa | 500297 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 169 | Bar Support Battery | 500298 | 1 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 170 | Screwcap 5/16-18 X $21 / 4$ | 8041033 | 2 | 8041033 | 2 | 8041033 | 2 |
|  | 180 | Label OPEI | 400424 | 2 | 400424 | 2 | 400424 | 2 |
|  | 184 | Label Flying Debris | 810736 | 1 | 810736 | 1 | 810736 | 1 |
|  | 185 | Label Guards | 900327 | 2 | 900327 | 2 | 900327 | 2 |
|  | 186 | Label Shift BC2400 | 500202 | 1 | 500202 | 1 | 500202 | 1 |
|  | 187 | Label Read | 890301 | 1 | 890301 | 1 | 890301 | 1 |
|  | 188 | Label Ear Eye Breathe | 890254 | 1 | 890254 | 1 | 890254 | 1 |
|  | 189 | Label Chock Wheels | 500168 | 1 | 500168 | 1 | 500168 | 1 |
|  | 190 | Label Patent No | 500279 | 1 | 500279 | 1 | 500279 | 1 |
|  | 191 | Label Clutch Drive | 500176 | 1 | 500176 | 1 | 500176 | 1 |
|  | 192 | Label Clutch Blade | 500177 | 1 | 500177 | 1 | 500177 | 1 |
|  | 193 | Plate Choke Mount BC | 500325 | 1 | 500325 | 1 |  |  |
|  | 194 | Screw Machine 10-24x5/8" | 8059135 | 1 | 8059135 | 1 |  |  |
|  | 195 | Control Cable Choke BC | 500326 | 1 | 500326 | 1 |  |  |

### 16.3 PROPULSION

This Brush Cutter is self-propelled, and is controlled by an operator presence control. To engage the wheel drive, lift the operator's right hand control lever against operator's handle. The drive is disengaged by releasing this lever.(See Fig. 1.2)

GROUND SPEED can be varied by selecting a higher or lower gear using the gear shift lever at the rear of the machine(See Fig. 2), or by changing the engine rpm. To shift the Brush Cutter into reverse, release all controls and rotate the shift lever to the left, when the lever stops lift it up and continue to turn it to the left until it stops again.

Under most conditions cutting should be done in first or second gear. Third gear should be reserved for conditions where weeds and brush are thinned out or not as tall. The quality of the cut produced is directly related to the unit's ground speed during cutting. If the quality of the cut is not satisfactory (i.e. material left standing) you should shift into a lower gear during cutting. For improved control in confined areas, this machine can be pushed forward or backward by releasing the operator's clutch lever, placing the transaxle in neutral, and pushing the machine.


Fig. 1.2

### 16.4 CUTTING HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

Cutting height can be adjusted to allow a 1 " lower cutting height. This is particularly useful for cutting grasses that lay over when over grown. (i.e. Bermuda, Johnson, etc.)

Note: When cutting brush and normal field grasses it is strongly recommended that you operate your brush cutter at the standard (top) cutting height.
16.5 HANDLING \& TRANSPORTING:

Using three people to lift machine is recommended. Lift holding the handle and front guard for deck. Secure in place during transport.

Never lift the unit with the engine running.
116.6 STORAGE

Never store engine indoors or in enclosed poorly ventilated areas with fuel in tank, where fuel fumes may reach an open flame, spark or pilot light, as on a furnace, water heater, clothes dryer or other gas appliance.
If engine is to be unused for 30 days or more, prepare as follows:

Be sure engine is cool. Do not smoke. Remove all gasoline from carburetor and fuel tank to prevent gum deposits from forming on these parts and causing possible malfunction of engine. Drain fuel outdoors, into an approved container, away from open flame. Run engine until fuel tank is empty and engine runs out of gasoline.

NOTE: Fuel stabilizer (such as Sta-Bil) is an acceptable alternative in minimizing the formation of fuel gum deposits during storage. Add stabilizer to gasoline in fuel tank or storage container. Always follow mix ratio found on stabilizer container. Run engine at least 10 min . after adding stabilizer to allow it to reach the carburetor.

A CAUTION: Wheels must be chocked or blocked when unit is parked on a slope.


Fig. 2


Use only a qualified mechanic for any adjustments, disassembly or any kind of repair .


DISCONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE BEFORE SERVICING UNIT.

RECONNECT SPARK PLUG WIRE, AND ALL GUARDS BEFORE STARTING ENGINE.


## WHEN POWER WASHING, DO NOT SPRAY

 DIRECTLY ON THE BLADE CLUTCH.

Note: Blade, and drive belts are normal wear items. These should be inspected on a regular basis and replaced if worn.

## ENGINE

When servicing engine refer to specific manufacturers engine owner's manual. All engine warranty is covered by the specific engine manufacturer. If your engine requires warranty or other repair work contact your local servicing engine dealer. When contacting a dealer for service it is a good idea to have your engine model number available for reference(See table page 11). If you can not locate a servicing dealer in your area you can contact the manufacturers national service organization.

Briggs \& Stratton: 800-233-3723
American Honda: 800-426-7701

### 17.1 BLADE REMOVAL / SHARPENING

NOTE: When sharpening the blade it is a good idea to check the balance of the blade. A properly balanced blade will increase life of the bearings and other components.
Tools required: $5 / 8$ inch socket, torque wrench, adequate support.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire.
2. Support front of unit to allow access to the blade. Note: Unit is heavy. Be sure support is adequate to prevent personal injury.
3. Block the blade to prevent it from rotating during removal.
4. Remove the blade bolt (Item 139), lockwasher (140), and large friction washer (54).
5 . Remove the blade (50) and, replace or sharpen the blade.
NOTE: When replacing the blade use only B.G.I. Part no.
5. 

6.Replace the blade using all fasteners in the exact order
they were removed. Torque blade screw to $60 \mathrm{ft}-\mathrm{lbs}$. NOTE:
Before installing the fasteners inspect them for wear and
replace as necessary.

### 17.2 BELT REPLACEMENT

When replacing one belt the other should be inspected for wear and replaced if worn. It is good practice to change both belts when either is worn beyond use. Use only original equipment belts for replacement. Billy Goat uses only premium quality, kevlar corded and coated belts in your unit. Substitute belts do not meet the design and performance requirements for your unit, and will greatly reduce machine performance and belt life.

## Transaxle Drive Belt

Tools required: 1/2 inch socket, 1/2 inch universal extension bar, pry bar or long screw driver, adequate support for machine.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire.
2. Support rear of unit to allow access to underside of the machine towards the rear. Note: Unit is heavy. Be sure support is adequate to prevent personal injury.
3. Loosen but do not remove the two nuts (116) holding the plate mount idler (item 26) in place. This will release the tension on the blade drive belt (29). NOTE: It may be necessary to apply some force to the pulley to slide it over from it's tight position and release the belt.
4. Working from the underside of the machine, loosen but do not remove the four screws (103) holding the two belt guides(Items 149 \& 150) in place next to the crankshaft drive pulley (9) at the rear of the machine. This will loosen the belt guides(Items $149 \& 150$ ) and allow them to move to the side. NOTE: This step requires the use of a universal joint or universal extension bar to reach the screws(103) holding the belt guide(149). If universal joint is not available you may remove the "neutral stop bolt"(Item 115) and associated nuts (116 \& 117) to allow the idler arm to swing back and allow access to the screws(103) holding the belt guide(149).
5. With the guides loose slip the transaxle drive belt(Item 10) out of the groove on the drive pulley and down past the pulley.
6. Slip the old belt(10) up and over the pulley on the transaxle (Item 9) and remove belt from machine.
7. Install new belt in groove on transaxle pulley(Item 9) and slip into groove on transaxle drive pulley(46).
8. Tighten four screws(103) to secure belt guides(149 \& 150) in place. Note: With clutch levers engaged, be sure belt guides do not touch belts after installation.
9. Reconnect spark plug wire.

## Blade Drive Belt

Tools required: $1 / 2$ inch socket, $1 / 2$ inch universal extension bar, pry bar or long screw driver, adequate support for machine.

1. Disconnect spark plug wire.
2. Support rear of unit to allow access to underside of the machine towards the rear. Note: Unit is heavy. Be sure support is adequate to prevent personal injury.
3. Remove the two screws (103) and washers (141) holding the engine base door (7), and remove the door.
4. Loosen but do not remove the two nuts (116) holding the plate mount idler (item 26) in place. This will release the tension on the blade drive belt (29). NOTE: It may be necessary to apply some force to the pulley to slide it over from it's tight position and release the belt.
5. Working from the underside of the machine, loosen but do not remove the four screws (103) holding the two belt guides(Items 149 \& 150) in place next to the crankshaft drive pulley (9) at the rear of the machine. This will loosen the belt guides(Items 149 \& 150) and allow them to move to the side. NOTE: This step requires the use of a universal joint or universal extension bar to reach the screws(103) holding the belt guide(149). If universal joint is not available you may remove the "neutral stop bolt"(Item 115) and associated nuts (116 \& 117) to allow the idler arm to swing back and allow access to the screws(103) holding the belt guide(149).
6. With the guides loose slip the blade drive belt(29) out of the groove on the drive pulley and down past the pulley. Note: It is necessary to remove the transaxle drive belt(10) from its groove to allow removal of the blade drive belt.
7. Pull the belt back through the hole in the top of the engine base and remove it from the machine. NOTE: Removal of the belt from the blade drive pulley requires some force to walk the belt past the front portion of the pulley.
8. Install new belt into groove on blade drive pulley. Push remaining length of belt back through engine base toward clutch/brake drive pulley.
9. Reach through from rear of machine and pull new belt through and install it in the groove on the clutch/brake drive pulley. NOTE: Make sure the blade belt is properly seated in the clutch/brake drive pulley(Item 23) and not resting in the gap between the clutch/brake pulley(23) and the transaxle drive pulley(46)
10. Tighten four screws to secure belt guides (item 149 \& 150) in place. NOTE: Be sure belt is correctly routed when replacing. (See Fig. 3)
11. Set tension on belt by reaching in through top of engine base with a long screwdriver or other pry bar and pushing the idler pulley over against the belt to increase tension. While holding the belt under tension tighten the two screws (107) that hold the idler arm in place. Note: Proper belt tension can be verified by checking the tight side (non-idler side)belt deflection. The belt should deflect $3 / 16$ "-1/4" with force applied perpendicular to the belt after tensioning.
12. Replace engine base door (item 7) and tighten screws to hold it in place
13. Reconnect spark plug.

## BLADE DRIVE BELT TENSION ADJUSTMENT

1. Disconnect spark plug wire.
2. Remove the two screws holding the engine base door (item 7), and remove the door.
3. Examine the condition of the belt and note the position of the idler assembly and the amount of tension on the blade belt.
4. Loosen the two nuts (Item 117) on top of the engine base, holding the idler arm assembly (Item 26) in place .
5. Reset tension on belt by reaching in through top of engine base with a long screwdriver or other pry bar and pushing the idler pulley over against the belt to increase tension. While holding the belt under tension tighten the two screws that hold the idler arm in place. 5 . Replace engine base door and verify blade belt tension setting by operating the unit in the conditions that caused it to slip originally.NOTE: If belt continues to slip it may be worn out and require replacement before proper operation can resume.

## STARTER SWITCH WIRING




Fig. 3

| Maintenance Schedule |  | Follow these hourly <br> maintenance intervals. |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Maintenance Operation | Every <br> Use | Every 5 hrs (Daily) | Every 25 <br> hrs | Every 50 <br> hrs | Every <br> 100-150 hrs |  |
| Engine (See Engine Manual) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Check for excessive vibration |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inspect for loose parts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inspect for worn or damaged parts |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharpen Blade |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |
| Inspect belts for wear |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Check blade clutch cable tension |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
| Replace blade and traction belts |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Inspect battery for damage or leak |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |
| Check battery terminal for corrosion |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Lubricate throttle control cable and <br> linkage. |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |


| MAINTENANCE HISTORY |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Date of Service | Service Performed |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
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## 17.3 <br> CLUTCH ADJUSTMENT

## Clutch/Brake Adjustment:

As the clutch/brake wears, adjustments may be required to maintain proper control cable tension, and clutch engagement. If the clutch/brake begins slipping or squealing during normal operation it may require an adjustment to increase the clutch cable tension. A properly adjusted blade clutch should require a minimum of 10 lbs . of force to completely depress the end of the clutch lever.(See Fig. 4) Adjust by tightening or by loosening clutch cable adjusting nut as required, located at the rear of the engine base. When adjusting cable tension on blade control cable be sure to leave slack in cable to allow for engagement of blade brake. Replacement of cable or clutch/brake may be necessary if adjustment will not allow for proper clutch and brake engagement.
WARNING: If the clutch begins to squeal or slip, do not continue to operate your unit until adequate adjustment or repair has been performed. Improper adjustment can cause clutch to slip and overheat, greatly reducing machine performance and clutch life.


Fig. 4

20 TROUBLESHOOTING
Before Requesting Service Review These Suggestions

| Problem | Possible Cause |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The engine will not start | Stop switch is off. Throttle is not in ON position. Out of gasoline. Bad <br> or old gasoline. Spark plug wire disconnected. Dirty air cleaner. | Check switch, throttle, \& gasoline. Check for spark with an approved <br> tester. Clean or replace air cleaner. Contact service dealer. |
| Starter does not turn <br> (Electric start unit only) | Battery is too low or dead. Battery cable is disconnected or battery <br> terminal is corroded. Bad starter switch or wire harness. Bad starter. | Charge battery or replace with a new one. Clean battery terminals. <br> Replace starter switch. Replace Wire harness. Contact service dealer. |
| The engine will not stop | Damaged stop switch. Stop switch wire is disconnected. Stop switch <br> wire is worn or damaged. | Replace stop switch. Connect stop switch wire. Replace stop switch <br> wire. |
| Will not cut or has poor <br> cutting performance. | Dull Blade. Clogged deck. Excessive quantity of debris built up or <br> blocking blade. Engine RPM set too low. | Unclog deck (see page 5). Sharpen blade. <br> Check engine RPM.(see page 11 for settings) |
| Abnormal vibration. | Loose or out of balance blade or loose engine. | Check blade and replace if required. Check Engine. |
| Belt slips or smokes. | Belt tension too low. Belt worn or stretched. Pulleys worn or <br> damaged. | Increase tension at idler(see page 11). Replace belt. Replace <br> pulleys |
| Clutch slips or squeals. | Clutch cable tension too low. Clutch worn or damaged. | Increase clutch cable tension (see above). Replace clutch/brake |
| Blade brake will not engage. | Inadequate slack in clutch cable. Clutch worn or damaged. | Adjust or replace cable (see above). Replace clutch/brake |
| No self propelling. | Operator's clutch lever not releasing clutch. Broken or out of <br> adjustment clutch cable. Worn or broken belt. | Adjust clutch cable. Replace any worn, damaged or malfunctioning <br> parts. |
| Self propelled drive will not <br> release. | Clutch cable out of adjustment. | Adjust clutch cable. See page 12 Clutch Adjustment. |
| Engine is locked, will not <br> pull over. | Debris locked against blade. Engine problem. | Remove debris (see page 5). Contact an engine servicing dealer <br> for engine problems.(see page 10) |

22.1 Engine Service and Warranty $\begin{gathered}\text { Contact your nearest engine manufacturer's authorized }\end{gathered}$ servicing dealer.
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## Serial Plate

Record your machine model, serial number and date-of-purchase and where purchased


## WARRANTY PROCEDURE

Should a Billy Goat Machine fail due to a defect in material and / or workmanship, the owner should make a warranty claim as follows:

> -The Machine must be taken to the dealer from whom it was purchased or to an authorized Servicing Billy Goat Dealer.
> -The owner must present the remaining half of the Warranty Registration Card, or, if this is not available, the invoice or receipt.
> -The Warranty Claim will be completed by the authorized Billy Goat Dealer and submitted to their respective Billy Goat Distributor for their territory. Attention: Service Manager. Any parts replaced under warranty must be tagged and retained for 90 days.
> -The distributor service manager will sign off on the claim and submit it to Billy Goat for consideration.
> -The Technical Service Department at Billy Goat will study the claim and may request parts to be returned for examination. Billy Goat will notify their conclusions to the distributor service manager from whom the claim was received.
> -The decision by the Quality / Service department at Billy Goat to approve or reject a Warranty claim is final and binding.

Note: To process a Warranty Claim, it is necessary to quote the Model \& Serial Number which are printed on the Billy Goat Serial Plate (See owner's manual).


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